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## LAZARUS HOUSE MINISTRIES Annual Report 2018 FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018



## A message from the Executive Director...



Dear friends,  
 Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for being the reason and the conduit for the miracles God performs for our guests. So very many are able to create a new life for themselves and their families. Thank you too, for allowing us to be your channel of generosity and giving us the privilege of being the avenue He uses to serve His treasured people.

I think too often people see the one story we highlight and don't realize that it's simply the story of one of many that have realized success through the services of Lazarus House. Within this report, you have the opportunity to read the wonderful story of Deyaniry, but please know that because of you, there are even more successes. There are also three other chefs and a member of the wait staff at the Andover Country Club, hired because of the skills and command of the language afforded to them by wonderful you! And just this past week, a former guest whom we helped in multiple ways called to thank us and tell us she has just graduated from nursing school. The stories go on and on, thank God and thank you. (I hope the knowledge of what you have accomplished brings tears to your eyes and joy to your heart!)

We have been able to provide these guests and our other guests with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, ServSafe classes and certification, food to feed them and their families, school supplies and fill many other household needs - sometimes housing or a donated car, financial literacy classes, ongoing support and a plethora of resources - to assist them on their journey.

Without you ... none of this is possible. All we have to give away is your goodness and you give that so generously. The world is a better place because there is YOU! Thank you once more.

With a grateful heart,

*Bridget*

## Your generosity in action...

During the last fiscal year, 35 adult students graduated from our English for Speakers of Other Language (ESOL) courses. Through these courses, students learn conversational English, as well as industry words and phrases for the job track they have chosen.

Through our Culinary Training Program and Spark\*L.E. Cleaning Company, 30 work prep students learned the skills necessary to hold jobs in their respective industries. Culinary students received hands-on training from local executive chefs at Merrimack Valley restaurants and establishments. Each student also took classes and passed the test to become ServSafe certified.

The Spark\*L.E. Cleaning Company work prep students worked as paid interns for the ministry's cleaning business. The interns worked regular shifts cleaning residential and commercial buildings.

Students in both work prep programs were connected to permanent jobs after their courses at Lazarus House.

A former culinary student, Deyaniry Garcia, opened her own bakery, *Delish*, in Lawrence. The skills she learned at Lazarus House not only gave her the knowledge necessary to be successful in the food service industry, but she also gained the confidence and courage to start a new chapter in her life.

Dyaniri came back to Lazarus House to share her knowledge with new groups of culinary students. After the last course of the year, she took on two students for the 10-week internship program.



## Statement of Financial Activity

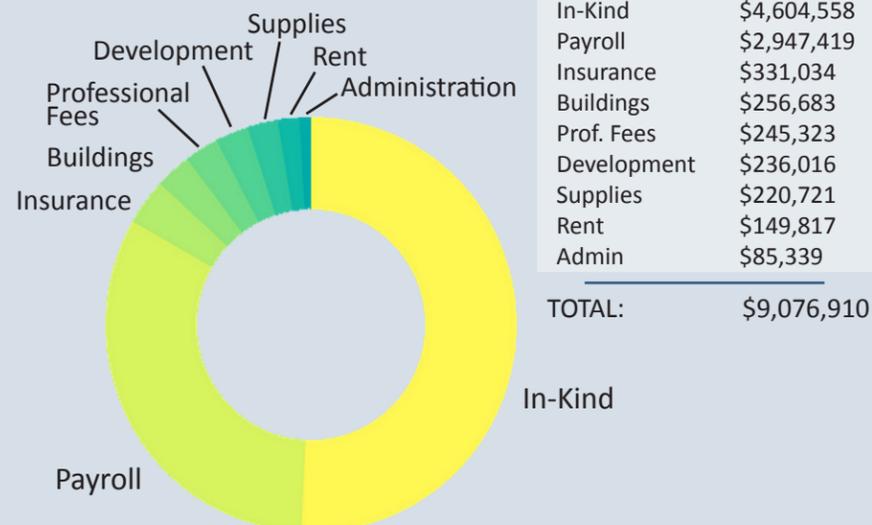
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

## Guest services in FY '18

### Expenses by Program



### Expenses by Type



### Revenue by Source



### From the field... Hazel, Capernaum Place Coordinator:

"We've recently experienced some heart-breaking moments at Capernaum Place. Like the guest who texted to me "Please excuse me but I won't be coming to workshop. I'm in the hospital. I've lost my baby." We've sat with their pain offering words of comfort, a Kleenex...a prayer. I hope they sense that they matter and that they are not alone."

### Miguel, Community Resource Coordinator:

"A man in his 40's came back to our Soup Kitchen, very thankful that after several months he got his income tax return sent to him after I made several attempts and contacted the IRS for him. He was thankful for a place he could ask for help that did not charge him for the services."

### Almarie, Emergency Shelter Coordinator

"One of our moms staying at the shelter completed her CNA certification. When she told me the good news, she said that none of the good things happening to her would be happening if Lazarus House hadn't helped her."

### Marcy, Coordinator of Volunteers

"I was able to go to a recent 'party with a purpose' hosted by second grade students and their moms. I witnessed these second graders making breakfast burritos, and packaging fruit and lunches. Not only that, but their complete pride and joy over seeing what they had accomplished was amazing. They are hooked on serving for sure!"



**54,870**

transactions at our three thrift stores providing dignity through clothing and household goods



**\$5,044**

in free clothing and furniture vouchers given to families in need



**2,869**

individuals received Christmas gifts and winter clothing through Project Bethlehem and The Giving Tree



**84,777**

total meals served in our soup kitchen, emergency shelter, bagged meals, emergency food orders, soup van dinners, and holiday food orders



**79,010**

bags of groceries distributed at our food pantry to families and individuals



**90%**

of culinary trainees hired within the first six months of program completion



**32,131**

bed nights at our emergency shelter and transitional housing units



**50%**

of bed nights occupied by children



**2,502**

advocacy services provided to single men, women, and families, connecting them to life-saving services